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The Honorable Charles L. Brieant
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
White Plains, NY 10601

*Memo Endorsed
Application Granted
As Ordered
Jan 2, 2008
John L. Brieant
USDJ*

Re: Hope Mickens v. New York State Department of Correctional Services, et al. (07-Civ-7621) (CB)

Dear Judge Brieant:

The purpose of this letter is to report on the progress toward settlement in this matter, where Plaintiff is seeking legal fees under 42 U.S.C. §1988, in the successful prosecution of a claim of retaliation arising from a discrimination claim.

As of date, the Plaintiff's attorney has provided the applicable billing records, which are currently being reviewed, and we are optimistic about trying to resolve this matter.

This matter is before the Court on Friday, January 4, 2008, for an appearance and defendants' time to move or answer ends on that same date. However, the defendants respectfully request that the Court appearance as well as the time to answer or move be deferred until Friday, February 15, 2008, or such time as the Court deems appropriate, in order to allow defendants additional time to bring this matter to a resolution. The Plaintiff consents to this request.

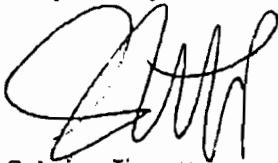
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Respectfully submitted,



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